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Subject: Child Care Assistance Program Changes

Dear Early Care and Education Stakeholders:

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), Division of Child Care is making two major changes to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). The changes are necessary due to a projected shortfall in the department's budget.

Effective April 1, 2013, the CCAP will no longer be taking **new** applications with some exceptions. This change is in accordance with 922 KAR 2:160, Section 12(7). The following child groups **will continue to be served**:

- Children receiving child protective or preventive services to avoid removal from the home;
- Children whose parents need child care to meet work participation requirements for the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP);
- Children with special needs requiring specialized care; and
- Teen parents.

Initially the freeze will not impact children enrolled prior to April 1, 2013. These cases will continue receiving CCAP benefits through their eligibility period or until their circumstances change. After April 1, 2013, families currently receiving CCAP who meet eligibility requirements at the redetermination date will continue in CCAP. Providers can continue to bill on Service Agreements and Certificates that are in place.

Effective July 1, 2013, DCBS will reduce the income eligibility used to determine family eligibility for the low income CCAP. Maximum household income for CCAP will be reduced from at or below 150% of the 2011 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to at or below 100% of the FPL. For example, effective July 1st, a three-person family cannot have more than \$18,310 in income each year (maximum income is also based on a family size). This income level will not apply to a family who is receiving CCAP due to child protective services or K-TAP work participation.

Thank you for your continued interest in CCAP. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Child Care's Child Care Assistance Program at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

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Director

